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<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Knöpfle, et al.</b>		
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<b>For:</b>	<b>A SELF-RETAINING IMPLANT AND A DEVICE FOR SECURING THE IMPLANT</b>	<b>Attorney Docket No.:</b>	<b>60,500-072</b>

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the September 7, 2001, notice, Applicants hereby submit substitute drawings having the correct margins in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84.

Respectfully submitted,

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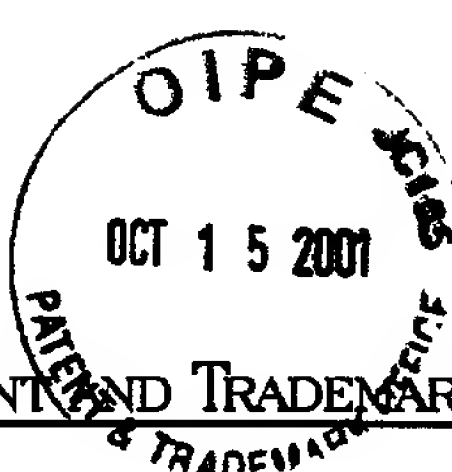
I hereby certify that this response and substitute drawings, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001.

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***Filing Date Granted***

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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